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Notice of File Closing
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

28 DEC 1982

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To:
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WJL [REDACTED]
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 2, 1982 forwarding a memorandum from your Houston field office captioned as on the attached closing form. This matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

44A-8107-8

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Date of transcription 11/12/82

[redacted] Houston Police Department, Houston City Jail, Houston, Texas, was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and that he was being interviewed regarding a newspaper article from the October 5, 1982, "Houston Post," where Ray Hill alleges that a large Latin-American man was beaten by several police officers in the jail. [redacted]
 [redacted] was advised that the incident allegedly occurred on October 4, 1982, and that if true, it constituted a violation of this individual's civil rights.

[redacted] searched the City Jail Incident Report file and located only one Mexican male on which an Incident Report had been filed on October 4, 1982.

[redacted] advised that [redacted], male Mexican, age 27, was arrested for public intoxication and was being loud and abusive while in the holding tank. Officer [redacted] approached [redacted] and was struck in the jaw by [redacted]. A struggle ensued and [redacted] was assisted by Officer [redacted] in subduing [redacted]. After [redacted] was calmed down, [redacted] was brought to his feet where he again started struggling and struck Officer [redacted] in the chest. [redacted] was subdued again, handcuffed, and placed into a padded cell. Two counts of simple assault were filed on [redacted]

[redacted] provided a copy of the Incident Report which is attached and made a part of this report.

Investigation on 10/26/82 at Houston, Texas File # HO 44A-8109 -2

by SA [redacted] Nobs Date dictated 11/10/82

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HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT - OFFICER'S FIELD NOTES

INCIDENT NO. 60581082

TRY (IF BURG):	INSTRUMENT USED:
EXTRA:	
SUMMARY (BRIEF DESCRIPTION)	PRISONER ASSAULTED OFFICERS

OFFICER(S) MAKING REPORT

EMP# [REDACTED] SHIFT / / DIV/STATION# SAV UNIT / / TYPE b6
 EMP# [REDACTED] SHIFT / / DIV/STATION# SAV UNIT / / TYPE b7C

CALL RECEIVED: DATE 10-4-82 TIME 0001 REPORT MADE: DATE 10-4-82 TIME 0001

#1 NAME: LAST [REDACTED] FIRST [REDACTED] MIDDLE [REDACTED] ALIAS (NICKNAME) b6
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WANTED ADDRESS [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] HPD# [REDACTED]
 ARRESTED RACE LA SEX M AGE 26 HISPANIC Y HEIGHT 5'11 WEIGHT 200

RELEASED HAIR COLOR BLK TYPE STRAIGHT LENGTH MED COMPLEXION DK

CHARGED FACIAL HAIR SPEECH ACCENT EYE COLOR

POSSIBLE DRESS WEAPON USED

MISC. DESCRIPTION (PHYSICAL ODDITIES)

INJURED: TAKEN TO BY

CONDITION

#2 NAME: LAST [REDACTED] FIRST [REDACTED] MIDDLE [REDACTED] ALIAS (NICKNAME)

WANTED ADDRESS DOB [REDACTED] HPD# [REDACTED]

ARRESTED RACE [REDACTED] SEX [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] HISPANIC [REDACTED] HEIGHT [REDACTED] WEIGHT [REDACTED]

RELEASED HAIR COLOR [REDACTED] TYPE [REDACTED] LENGTH [REDACTED] COMPLEXION [REDACTED]

CHARGED FACIAL HAIR SPEECH ACCENT EYE COLOR

POSSIBLE DRESS WEAPON USED

MISC. DESCRIPTION (PHYSICAL ODDITIES)

INJURED: TAKEN TO BY

CONDITION

ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS IN NARRATIVE

NARRATIVE (COMPLETE DETAILS INCLUDING SYNOPSIS OF WITNESS STATEMENTS, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC.)

OFF. WAS WORKING 5TH FLOOR CITY SAV ON 10-4-82 b6
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 OFF. WAS INFORMING OTHER PRISONERS OF THEIR CHARLES AND
 LETTING THEM USE THE TELEPHONES WHEN [REDACTED]
 BECAME LOUD AND ABUSIVE TOWARDS OFF. OFF. TOLD [REDACTED]

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
OICER'S SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD NOTES

INCIDENT NO. 61581082

ENSE SIMPLE ASSAULT
MPLAINANT(S) OFFS.

LOCATION 61 RIESNER

DATE OF OFFENSE 10-4-82

DATE SUPPLEMENT MADE 10-4-82

CONTACTED COMPLAINANT
NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SHORT FORM SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION
 CONTACTED WITNESS/S LISTED
NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UNABLE TO CONTACT COMPLAINANT
AND/OR WITNESS/S LISTED

DATE & TIME

DATE & TIME

DATE & TIME

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____ LIC. YR. STATE & NO. _____

CONDITION OF VEHICLE DAMAGED WRECKED BURNED AMOUNT OF DAMAGES _____

STRIPPED (LIST ITEMS STRIPPED AND THEIR VALUE AT START OF NARRATIVE BELOW)

RECOVERY LOCATION DIST BEAT

VEH. RELEASED TO TOWED TO: BY:

PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ETC:

PRISONER TO BE QUIET AND PRISONER BEGAN TO STRUGGLE WITH
OFF. PRISONER THEN STRUCK OFF. WITH A CLOSED FIST ON THE JAW OFF. WAS THEN ASSISTED BY OFF. IN SURROUNDING

THE PRISONER BY PLACING HIM FACE DOWN ON THE FLOOR.

OFFS. THEN LET PRISONER CALM DOWN AND GOT PRISONER BACK ON HIS FEET. PRISONER THEN STRUCK OFFICER b6 b7C

IN THE CHEST WITH HIS HAND. OFFS. THEN TOOK PRISONER DOWN TO THE FLOOR AGAIN AND HAND CUFFED

HIM. PRISONER WAS PLACED IN THE PAD AND CHARGES FILED.

PRISONER C# IN JAIL FOR PUBLIC

INTOXICATION

OFF. MAKES THIS REPORT BY ORDER OF SGT.

SUPPLEMENT COMPLETE

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OFFICER 1

EMP#

SHIFT

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OFFICER 2

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CALLER'S NAME

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Form 18100

PAD

HOUSTON POLICE BLOTTED

No. C-741637

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S.S. [REDACTED]	D.O.B. [REDACTED]	I.D. LIC. [REDACTED]	IN CA
LAST NAME [REDACTED]	FIRST [REDACTED]	MIDDLE [REDACTED]	
Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	Occupation [REDACTED]
Arrested By [REDACTED]	Emp. Nos. [REDACTED]	Location [REDACTED]	D. No. [REDACTED]
Physical Condition [REDACTED]	Charge [REDACTED]	Time of Arrest 10:15 PM	Booked 12:01 AM
DETAILS of Arrest: Give Specific Reason For Detention DR PI 110.00 ASSAULT \$15.30		Changed to:	Court:
CASE# Took to 96 Tidwell Blue shirt/Gray pants		JUDGE TAKEN TO: BY:	
LOCAL: YES [REDACTED]	NO [REDACTED]	Transferred to: County:	Date: Time: AM: PM:
VEHICLE INFORMATION		Released to: City: Farm:	Date: Time: AM: PM:
Released by [REDACTED]	Fines [REDACTED]	Other:	Date: Time: AM: PM:
RELEASED BY [REDACTED]	Released to [REDACTED]	Date: Time: AM: PM:	
#7. FOLLOWS PRISONER			

PRISONER BECAME VIOLENT AND

STRUCK OFFICERS. PRISONER HAD TO
BE TIED COUFFED AND PLACED IN

OPADE 10-1182 1205AM T-6

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Houston, Texas

November 19, 1982

[REDACTED] b6
Officers, Houston Police Department
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Jail;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT
CIVIL RIGHTS

On October 5, 1982, a newspaper article appeared in the Houston Post stating that Ray Hill had observed a large Latin-American male being beaten.

Details of this letterhead memorandum contain the results of a [REDACTED]

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1 - USA, Houston
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RE: [redacted]
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The following investigation was conducted By Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Houston, Texas, on October 18, 1982:

[redacted] Houston Police Department Internal Affairs Division, advised that her Captain [redacted] Internal Affairs Division, no complaint had been made to the Internal Affairs Division regarding any incidents occurring at the Houston City Jail involving a large Latin-American man occurring on October 4, 1982.

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RE: [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Houston, Texas:

On October 26, 1982, the victim in this matter was tentatively identified as [REDACTED]

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Sex	Male
Race	Mexican
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'11"
Weight	200 lbs
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Texas

Attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Texas, have met with negative results. Messages left at the door of [REDACTED] have not been returned. Contact at [REDACTED] Texas, failed to disclose any individual who had ever heard of [REDACTED]

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RE: [redacted]
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A review of the general indices to the FBI central records system at Houston, Texas, revealed no reference to any prior investigation being conducted relative to a violation of the civil rights of captioned victim. No reference was located regarding the captioned subjects.

This investigation has disclosed that the allegations and injuries of the victim are not of a serious or substantial nature and that the victim did not seek medical attention; therefore, the SAC of the Houston FBI Office recommends that no further investigation concerning this matter is necessary.

The office of the United States Attorney at Houston has previously advised that it desires to receive written reports relative to investigation conducted in Civil Rights cases prior to rendering an opinion regarding the merits of the case. This matter is accordingly considered submitted for that purpose, and no further investigation is contemplated unless requested by the U.S. Attorney or the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinion of the U.S. Attorney regarding the case will be sent directly to the U.S. Department of Justice by them.

The following is a list of individuals to whom a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice should be directed:

(1) Agency: Houston Police Department, Internal Affairs Division, Houston, Texas, 77002.

(2) Subjects: Officer [redacted] Officer [redacted]
[redacted] Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas, 77002.

(3) Complainant: Raymond Wayne Hill, 420 Westheimer, Number 7, Houston, Texas.

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DATE: 11/19/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, Houston (44A-8109)

ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT1. initial submission supplemental submission revision

2. File No: 44A-8109 (include alpha)

3. Status: P-pending, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion

4. Title: Officers, Houston Police Department Jail;

- VICTIM;

RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT

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Re:

5. If Title changed, show previous Title:

6. TYPE OF CASE: (check one)

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|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CR | D. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PE | G. <input type="checkbox"/> CRIPA | J. <input type="checkbox"/> FRS |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-E | E. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PF | H. <input type="checkbox"/> DIH | K. <input type="checkbox"/> ISS |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PA | F. <input type="checkbox"/> CREL | I. <input type="checkbox"/> ECOA | L. <input type="checkbox"/> PRIV. ACT - CRIM. |

7. AGENCY TYPE: (check one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> City-County Jail | F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's Office |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency | G. <input type="checkbox"/> State Police - Hwy Patrol |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department | H. <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| D. <input type="checkbox"/> Prison/Penitentiary | I. <input type="checkbox"/> Not pertinent |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Security | |

8. AGENCY NAME: Houston City Jail (20) STATE: TX (use 2-char. abbrev.)
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above)

9. ACTION: UACB;

X
No further action being taken: A. LHM enclosed
(check one if applicable) B. LHM being submitted

- | |
|---|
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> FD-376 (enclosure to LHM) |
| D. <input type="checkbox"/> Report being submitted |

X

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|--|
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> USA |
| B. <input type="checkbox"/> Secret Service |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> BATF |
| D. _____ (15) (other - specify) |

11. Further action:
B. limited investigation instituted
C. investigation continuing

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12. SUBJECTS (number): A. _____ Amer. Indian _____ Male _____ Female
B. _____ Asian _____ Male _____ Female
C. _____ Black _____ Male _____ Female
D. _____ Hispanic _____ Male _____ Female
E. _____ White _____ Male _____ Female
F. 2 Other _____ 2 Male _____ Female

If "Other" please specify: Unknown (15)

13. VICTIMS (number): A. _____ Amer. Indian _____ Male _____ Female
B. _____ Asian _____ Male _____ Female
C. _____ Black _____ Male _____ Female
D. 1 Hispanic _____ 1 Male _____ Female
E. _____ White _____ Male _____ Female
F. _____ Other _____ Male _____ Female

If "Other" please specify: _____ (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: _____ not applicable

If applicable (number): A. _____ under 18 C. _____ handicapped
B. _____ over 62 D. _____ institutionalized

15. Matter type (use best description, check more than one if applicable):

A. brutality type Beating (15) (i.e., shooting; beating)
B. nonbrutality
C. death of victim
D. suicide method _____ (15) (i.e., hanging, slashed wrist)
E. known extremist group type _____ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)
F. suspected ext. group type _____ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)
G. cross burning
H. migrant victim
I. violence to property type _____ (15) (i.e., arson, shooting)
J. other explain _____ (25)

16. Synopsis of Complaint

Houston Post Newspaper article, 10/5/82, stated that complainant observed an unidentified Mexican male beaten by officers while in jail.

17. Indices: (check one) negative positive (if positive explain in body of report/LHM)

TRANSMIT VIA: Airtel

CLASSIFICATION: _____

DATE: 12/2/82

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Houston (44A-8109)

[REDACTED] OFFICERS, HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT

CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reference Houston FD-610 dated 11/1/82.

Referenced FD-610, received at FBIHQ 12/1/82, should have been submitted within two days of receipt of complaint. As you have been previously advised, submission of the initial FD-610 should not be held in abeyance pending completion of the investigation.

See me
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Director, FBI

SAC, Houston (44A-8109)

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OFFICERS, HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL;

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

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CIVIL RIGHTS

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney
Southern District of Texas

Bob Casey Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Post Office Box 61129
515 Rusk Avenue Houston, Texas 77208
Houston, Texas 77002

December 20, 1982

Mr. Homer Hauer
Special Agent In Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 61369
Houston, Texas 77208

RE: [REDACTED] -Victim; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Officers, Houston Police Department
Jail-Subjects

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Dear Mr. Hauer:

Prosecution in the above-captioned matter is declined without
the necessity of any further investigation. Therefore, we are
closing our file.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL K. HEDGES
United States Attorney

BY: [REDACTED]

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Assistant United States Attorney
Chief, Civil Rights Division

cc: Criminal Section
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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U.S. Department of Justice

Notice to Close File

File Number: 44-8109 144-74-3670	Case Title: Officers, Houston Police Department	Date: 28 DEC 1982
Jail:		- Victim

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE FILE HAS BEEN CLOSED AS OF THIS DATE.

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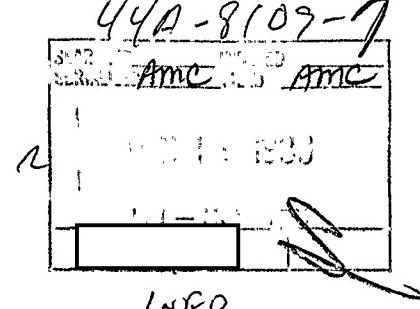
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The Houston Post

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Date: 10/05/82, Tuesday

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Classification:

Submitting Office: Houston

Indexing:

Man says he saw police beat suspect in city jail

A Montrose area man arrested for allegedly interfering with police said he saw a man beaten by officers in the city jail early Monday.

Ray Hill, 41, of the 300 block of Avondale, who helped found the Gay Political Caucus, said he was arrested about 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of Avondale on the municipal court charge when he refused to leave the scene of an arrest as officers had requested.

He said he was placed in the jail's drunk tank about 12:30 a.m. and later saw an officer grab a large Latin American man and wrestle him to the ground when the man argued he could not be put in jail since he had done nothing wrong.

When the scuffle started, "six or sev-

en" police gathered around the suspect, one officer kicking the man in the groin and another kicking him in the face, Hill said. He said the man was carried away after the attack.

Hill also said police used abusive language with inmates, calling blacks "niggers" and Latin Americans "wetbacks."

He said they also called homosexuals "something you couldn't print."

Assistant Police Chief John Bales said he knew of no complaint that had been filed in the incident and that he could not comment even if a complaint had been lodged.

Jail division Sgt. D.M. Cook also had not heard of the alleged attack and conceded if something that serious had occurred, he would have known.

Title:
UNSUB, after six officers, Houston Police Department
Police Officers, Houston City Jail, Houston, Texas;
large Latin Male
Unknown Victim
Complaints
Ray Hill - Complainant
Ray Hill
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Try to identify & interview
alleged victim before doing
anything else.